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1. Production at the steel works for February 1949 was as follows:

- a. Pig iron : 8,500 tons (97% of target)
- b. Crude steel : 9,300 tons (92% of target)
- c. Rolled steel : 10,200 tons (89% of target)

2. The following production difficulties occurred in the plant:

- a. There has been a breakdown in the supply of both electricity and gas be-  
cause of overloading. In addition, the ingot mill ceased production dur-  
ing March because of defects in both its furnaces, and the rolling mill  
has been so overloaded that its furnace has suffered severe wear and tear.  
Repair work is being accelerated, and experts from the Hennigsdorf Steel  
Works have been called to supervise.
- b. Engineers attribute the breakdown, which has seriously hampered the pro-  
duction planning program, to the ruthless exploitation by the DMK of plant,  
machinery, and manpower.

3. In early March 1949, the following materials arrived from Czechoslovakia:

- a. 18,000 tons of refined ore.
- b. 8,000 tons of coke for the smelting of refined ore.

4. It was reported during March that the equipment for the new sintering plant at  
Maximilianshütte had arrived from Czechoslovakia, was being installed, and was  
to be in operation by 30 April.

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